



*Jesus
showed them his
hands and
his feet*

LUKE 24:40

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: A gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel Jesus shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

Welcome all visitors! We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. If you are interested in church membership, please give your name and telephone number to Pastor Rankin.

Welcome to the Eucharist! All who seek to follow Jesus and who seek the gifts Jesus offers us are invited to share in this sacrament of Holy Communion.

Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.

Prayer as you enter: *Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*



CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY



TRINITY U.C.C. VISION STATEMENT:

All will know the love of God through the teachings of Jesus!!

Trinity U.C.C. is called by God to:

- Share God's love with our community*
 - Serve God's children*
 - Bring healing and wholeness to those in need*
 - Share the Gospel in liturgy, music and study*
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

CALL TO WORSHIP

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God has set apart those who are faithful. Our Creator will hear us when we call.

God puts gladness in our hearts and minds. We will lie down in safety and sleep in peace.

Beloved, we are God's children now. What we will be has not yet been revealed.

We are here to remember Jesus Christ. We want to be like the One who lived by love.

Our faith strengthens us for each day's living. God empowers our ministries of caring.

We trust God whose children we are. We look forward to what God will reveal to us.

The risen Christ is made known to us, in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

By our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, God has raised us to new life.

Let us confess to God our sins and all that waits for resurrection in our lives.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us repent of our sin and claim the promise of God.

God of love, in our failure to keep your commandments we have clung to the old life of sin within us. We have not loved you with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Free us from the power of sin, guide us by your Spirit, and help us in our weakness, that we may live as your children, restored to new life; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

ADORATION AND PRAISE

ACT OF PRAISE

O God, open my lips.

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Let us pray the collect together.

Use our troubled, questioning spirits, O God, to open our understanding of the scriptures. Help us to see the possibilities you set before us as your children when we turn from our lies and live by your truth.

Strengthen our faith and our love. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah, Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

"You Don't Have a Choice!"

Pastor Rankin

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

We give with joy, gracious God, for you have been with us even when we were unfaithful. You have kept us in safety through times of distress. We can call on you in all times and places, in life and in death, knowing that your strength is available to sustain us. We give now that your church may be empowered in the proclamation of good news and the transformation of human life; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We give you thanks that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life. With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name.

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

We boldly proclaim: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP

As this grain was once scattered in the fields, and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread.

The Bread of Life, broken for us.

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

The Cup of Blessing, poured out for us and for the many.

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

*(Those who wish to come forward will be invited by the pastor. The pastor will serve you the host, saying, "The Body of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" The assistant will present you with the cup, saying, "The Blood of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" Grape juice is in the chalice with the cross and wine is in the other chalice. If you need the pastor and assistant to come to you, please indicate that to someone near you or the pastor. If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements in the narthex and commune in your pew. The pastor will offer a blessing everyone has communed. **Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.**)*

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

O God, our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God, our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God, our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God, our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God, our provider, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by **Pastor Chris, Anne, Rachel, and Andrew** in honor of Zach's 17th birthday on Thursday.

The Worship Aids are given by **Jerry & Carmen Richards** in honor of our family.

Ministering Today

Pastor/Celebrant	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
Lector/Assistant	Jeff Hackenberger
Money Counters	Ron & Donna Denlinger, Steve Shenk, Bob Bistline
Altar Guild	Charlene Cristy, Anita Rohrer
Building Trustee	Hank Fox
Ministries	Card Evangelism Committee (Nancy Enders) Called to Care Betty Tyndall Visitation Sue Bowman

Happy Birthday!

Today – Zachary Lehman

Monday – Betsy Bailey, David Krantz, Cherie Cataldi

Wednesday – Jordan Ditzler

Thursday – Rev. David Gockley, Zachary Baynard

Friday – Gretchen Woerner, Denise Pfeiffer

Attendance for Sun., April 7 7:45–17 10:30–86 **TOTAL – 103**
Sunday School 18

This Week at Trinity Church

(Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2 p.m.)

Monday 7:00 PM – Choir/8:15 PM Bells
Tuesday 1:00 PM – Prayer Shawl
 7:00 PM – Consistory/Boards
Wednesday 9:30 AM—Stewardship Committee
 6:30 PM – Parish Life Committee
Thursday 2:00 PM – CROP Walk Meeting
 6:00 PM – Cub Scouts
Friday 11:00 AM – Preschool Grown-ups with Donuts
Saturday 8:00 PM – Alanon/AA
Sunday 7:45 AM – Eucharist
 9:00 AM –Sunday School
 10:00 AM – Koinonia
 10:30 AM – Worship

PRAYERS FOR GOD’S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

Joan Sensenig	Hillary Bossert-Davis	George & Ellie Latsha
Donna Zirkel	Denise Huggins	Hedwig Hunsicker
Bob & Marlyn Wible	Don & Pat Miller	Nancy Patton
Dr. Janet Harriger	Joann Peck	Harry Himelwright
The Lehman family	Mary Lou Shaab	Scott & Jane Owens
Donna Wolf & Family	Erika Otthofer	Carmen & Jerry Richards
Stan & Pat Seachrist	Sam Minder III	Lainie Christensen
Rev. Dave & Mid Gockley	Hank Fox	Pastor Harry Royer
Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser	Mary Witmer	Rev. Ken Trauger
Betty Tyndall and family	Michael McDonough	Kathleen Sensenig Adams
Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline	Ron Becker	Danielle Huggins Holbein
Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman	Dr. Blaine Connor	Joann & Dawn Garvin
Shelly Family	Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman	

FAMILY & FRIENDS

The family of Geri Nease (daughter of Rev. Rothermel, pastor of Trinity from 1915-18)
The family of Robert Smiley (father-in-law of Steve Gold)
Sharon Brown (sister of Sandy DeLong)
Chris Rice (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley)
Kurt McElhemmey (relative of Betty Tyndall)

Mary Ann Hess (friend of Betty Tyndall)
Grace Collier (friend of Pat & Stan Seachrist)
David Brown (nephew of Shelley & Mike Wagner)
Marshawn Howse (grandson of Dave & Noreen Trostle)
Elizabeth Trostle (mother of Dave Trostle)
Norma Mallard (friend of Gail Kogut)
Tom Chapman (brother of Rev. Jere Chapman)
Annette Stork (niece of Pat Sensenig)
Logan Davis (husband of Hillary Bossert-Davis)
Brian & Liz Culp (son and daughter-in-law of Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman)
Jean Weglarz (neighbor of Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline)
Melby Bush (friend of Joan Sensenig)
Harvey & Dianne Sick (friends of Judy Chapman)
Aaron Flickinger (nephew of Pat & Joan Sensenig)
Tom Riley (friend of Bud McCarty)
Rev. Loy Garber (former seminarian)
Roland Anderson and family (friends of John & Kayla Brennan)
Gina McCarty (daughter-in-law of Bud & Kathy McCarty)
The Bruno family (friends of Blaine Connor)
John Martin (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr)
Kelly Quick (friend of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)
Marianne Gibble (friend of Trinity)
James Malone & family
Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)
Janet Owens (sister-in-law of Scott & Jane Owens)
Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel)
Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig)
Don Pfeiffer (husband of Denise Pfeiffer)
Jake & Jean Otthofer (parents of Dan Otthofer)
The Martin family
Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards)
Ronald Himelwright (grandson of Brenda & Harry Himelwright)
Barry Richards (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards)
Tyler Miller (grandson of Iris DeMaio)
Joan Kalbach (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)
Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards)
John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law)
Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law)

THE APRIL PARISH POST is available in the information racks on both floors of the church building.

DEVOTIONALS: The April-June edition of These Days are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.

PRAYER SHAWL: The Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, April 16 from 1:00-3:00 PM. They will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month! Come and bring a friend. Hope to see many of you there! Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.

2024 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS: Upcoming dates for worship aids are: **April 28, May 5, 12, & 19.** Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are **June 2.** The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Look for the charts on the bulletin board in the narthex or call Carol in the church office.

GRIEF GROUPS: A few people have already signed-up for the small group focusing on grieving our losses. Here are some tentative dates that Pastor Rankin has scheduled for the first meetings:

April 22 (Monday)---7-8 p.m.

April 24 (Wednesday)--1-2 p.m.

You can sign-up by either contacting the church office or look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office. Pastor Rankin has already ordered several copies of the book. Contact him if you have any questions!

PENTECOST GERANIUM ORDER FORMS are available on the table across from the church office. You can place them in the offering plate, mail them to the church, or give them to Dan Otthofer (he has a mailbox in the church office). **The deadline is April 28!!** Pentecost Sunday is May 19.



Trinity UCC

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Sunday, April 28, 2024

Concert – 3:00 PM

Freewill Offering Benefits Ting Ministries



Music For Everyone Community Chorus And Ukelele Uprising

2024 CONCERT SPONSORS: Forms are available on the table across from the church office for you to sponsor this year's concert series.

KOINONIA/SUNDAYMORNING FELLOWSHIP: We have resumed koinonia (community fellowship) every Sunday at 10 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. Volunteers are asked to provide light refreshments. The sign-up sheet is on the kitchen counter. If you have any questions, contact Paula Dennes. **Coffee is always available between 7:45 service and Sunday School.**

TRINITY LUNCH BUNCH: The Parish Life Committee is revitalizing the lunch gatherings for church members and friends. We are tentatively planning the first one at Fiorentino's on May 5 following the 10:30 service. Look for the sign-up sheet across from the church office. **The deadline to sign-up is April 28!!!** Contact Denise Pfeifer for more information.



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DE-ESCALATING CHALLENGING SITUATIONS



April 23, 7:00-8:30pm

Lori Nimmon



Adapting for More Fruitful Ministry

MAY 9, 7:00-8:30PM
DON HACKETT



MYSTERY READERS : Trinity Preschool is looking for Spring Mystery Readers for April. Please contact the Preschool through the church office or Email: preschool@trinityeastpete.org to schedule a time to read a book to a preschool class. It's a fun way for Trinity members to support and be part of our preschool.

TRINITY PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER: It is not too late to buy S. Clyde Weaver sub coupons to support the Trinity Preschool. The cost is \$8 per coupon. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office. **Make checks payable to Trinity Preschool and put in the white box outside the church office.**

The warmer days of the Summer Camp season are right around the corner! Camp registration is open and ready for you to start planning your summer around weeks at **Kirchenwald & Nawakwa!** There are a wide range of camps this summer for all ages — kindergarteners through high schoolers, families, adults, and older folks. **There is the 2nd annual Hartman Center Homecoming Camp (July 28-August 3).** Look for more information in the Parish Post or on the table across from the church office. Contact Anne Rankin for more information!

As you know, Penn Central Conference pays 50% of camp registration fees. You can help send campers from Trinity by contribution to our Camp Scholarship Fund. Place your contribution in your weekly offering envelope and mark the special designation box with “Camp Scholarship”.

SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE [More Information - https://www.lutherancamping.org/openhouse](https://www.lutherancamping.org/openhouse)



Kirchenwald & Nawakwa
April 14, 2:00-4:30 pm

You're invited to visit Kirchenwald or Nawakwa on Sunday, April 14 anytime between 2-4:30 pm. Take a tour of camp with members of our summer staff and see what camp is all about. **As a bonus, we will give a \$10 gift certificate for the camp store to every brand new camper!**

If you have already registered for camp, why not bring a friend or neighbor with you? Show them the camp and get the [Invite-a-Friend Discount](#) for you and your friend.

UPCOMING EVENTS [More Information - https://www.lutherancamping.org/events/](https://www.lutherancamping.org/events/)

[Earth Day Celebration](#) at Kirchenwald - April 21, 2024

[Nawakwa Work Day](#) at Nawakwa - April 27, 2024

[Kirchenwald Work Day](#) at Kirchenwald - May 4, 2024

[Lutheran Camping Night](#) at Harrisburg Senators at FNB Field - May 17, 2024

[Summer Camp Kick-off Worship & Picnic](#) at Kirchenwald - May 19, 2024

Save the Dates: Be sure to mark these dates on your calendars.

Lancaster Stormers Game (formerly Barnstormers)

May 31, 2024

Stormers vs. Charleston Dirty Birds



The cost is \$35 (ticket, suite rental, endless buffet for 90 minutes, gratuity). Children from ages 4-18 will be covered by our Youth Ministry account and those under 4 are free. You can sign-up by contacting Carol in the church office. We will need a \$15 deposit

when you sign-up!



Friendship Fest----July 14, 2024 – 4-7 PM

**Food Trucks, Games, Fun Activities,
Auscultation Brass Concert (5-6 PM)**

Proceeds from the Friendship Fest will support the Trinity Preschool!

Watch for more details in the bulletins and future Parish Posts!



Save The Dates



VBS 2024

Trinity UCC, 2340 State St., East Petersburg

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July 15 - 18 6:30-8:30 PM

July 19 6:30 PM Closing Program

Caretaker And Me Class - Under Five With Caretaker
Children's Classes - Five Through Finished Sixth Grade
Youth Volunteers - Contact Mrs. Slechta

Through stories, crafts, games, and music, "***Reach For The Stars***" reminds us that things that seem impossible to us, are possible with God.

Rev. Esbenshade will facilitate the teen/adult class. Studying the book, "***Tradition In Crisis***" by Peter Schmiechen, the class will examine how "Now is the time to reclaim the church based on the grace and community of Christ."

Mission Project - Habitat For Humanity

Look for the yellow VBS Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets on the table outside office.

Books for the adult class are available in the church office!!

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Psalm 4**SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18.

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